

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification to amend or delete the particular paragraphs as identified below:

On page 1, please amend the reference to "Fig. 18" in the paragraph beginning with "In a conventional snap fastener" to "Fig. 1248."

On page 2, please amend the reference to "Fig. 18" in the paragraph beginning with "The snap button" to "Fig. 1248." In the following sentence, please amend the reference to "Fig. 19" to "Fig. 1349."

On page 10, please delete the paragraphs that begin with "Fig. 10", "Fig. 11", Fig. 14", "Fig. 15", "Fig. 16", and "Fig. 17." Thereafter, in the sentence beginning with "Fig. 12", please amend the reference to "Fig. 12" to "Fig. 1042." In the sentence beginning with "Fig. 13", please amend the reference to "Fig. 13" to "Fig. 1143." Likewise, in the sentence beginning with "Fig. 18", please amend the reference to "Fig. 18" to "Fig. 1248."

On page 11, in the sentence beginning with "Fig. 19", please amend the reference to "Fig. 19" to "Fig. 1349."

On page 16, please delete the paragraphs beginning on line 5 through page 17, line 8.

On page 18, please delete the paragraphs beginning on line 14 through page 19, line 21.

As the above-described amendments delete matter from the specification and amends text to account for renumbering of the figures after deletion of Figs. 10, 11, and 14-17, the amended specification includes no new matter.